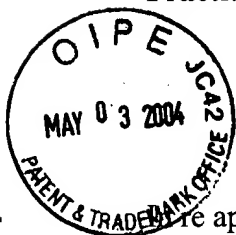


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Practitioner's Docket No. 67183/01-188

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of: Kotov, Nicholas A.
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Filed: 03/27/2001
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
WITH PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)**

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TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted (*check appropriate item(s) below*):

- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
 - ☐ Prior to payment of issue fee
 - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under Section 1.313 has been granted
- iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or
 - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☐ An information disclosure statement (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- ☒ An amendment
- ☐ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☐ Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:

☒ Small entity \$385.00
☐ Other than a small entity \$750.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$ 385.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
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			OR	Rate
				Addit. Fee
Total	Minus	=	x \$9 = \$	x \$18 = \$
Indep.	Minus	=	x \$43 = \$	x \$86 = \$
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$145 = \$	+ \$290 = \$
Total			\$.00	OR
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* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3,

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(c) ☐ No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee required is \$_____.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension for (months)</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 55	\$ 110
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$210	\$ 420
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$475	\$ 950
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<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,005	\$2,010
	Fee	\$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$ <u>385.00</u>
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$ _____
Extension of time fee (if any) (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$ _____

Total Fee(s) Due: \$ 385.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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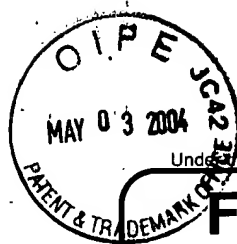
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid	
Independent Claims		-20** =		X		=	
Multiple Dependent		-3** =		X		=	

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
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1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	385.00
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Other fee (specify) _____

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Introductory Comments

This paper accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), which is made in response to the Final Action mailed 01/29/2004. All fees required for the filing of the RCE are delineated therein and payment has been made as specified. No additional fees are believed due by the filing of this paper. Nonetheless, should any additional fee in fact be due to perfect the filing of either the RCE or this paper, please consider this a general authorization to charge any such deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-0540.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper, and consideration of the remarks beginning on page 7.